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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 235

8 JANUARY 1957

1. The following were present:

Mr. D. J. Clinton	State
Mr. R. S. Kain	State
*Lt. Col. David H. Smith	Army
Maj. J. W. Jacobson	Army
Capt. R. E. Styles	Navy
LCdr. H. W. Holschuh	Navy
Lt. Col. H. K. Avery	Air Force
25X1A9a Mr. Reed H. Flow	Air Force
	CIA (Chairman)
	CIA (Vice Chairman)
	CIA (Secretary)

* NIS Committee Member designate.

2. Designation of Topics on International Communism

The Committee approved the following modifications in the designation of topics for NIS 108 (International Communism) as recommended by the State member in his 28 December 1956 memorandum (refer to Item 3 NCM 226):

Part IX - Trade Union International Transport,
Port and Fishery Workers.

Part XII - The World Federation of Trade Unions.
This study will cover all Trade Departments except those named in Parts III and IX, which are of such importance as to require separate studies.

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3. NIS Outline Guides

The Committee discussed State's proposal of 2 January 1957 for modifications in Chapter V outline guide (refer to Item 5 NCM 234). The chairman suggested certain changes in the proposal, and particularly the incorporation of a new subsection 54 D to serve as the basic treatment of Civil Defense in those countries which have comprehensive programs. The State member said he would report his agency's views on these suggested changes at the next meeting. After further consideration the Air Force member withdrew the suggested changes contained in his memorandum of 17 December 1956.

The Committee deferred action on proposals affecting Chapter VI outline guide until the next meeting to afford opportunity for the members to consider modifications to State proposals of 10 December 1956 (refer to Item 5 NCM 234).

The Committee also deferred action on Army's proposed revisions to the outline guides for Sections 31, 32, and 33 pending further inter-agency working level conferences to resolve outstanding differences (refer to Item 5 NCM 234). In the meantime Army is authorized to use the proposed revisions for current production.

4. Mid-Year NIS Production Situation

The vice chairman reported that December production was only 54% of scheduled commitments and that the first six months' production situation was as follows:

	<u>Sections Scheduled</u>	<u>Sections Delivered</u>	<u>Percent Complete</u>
State	71	40	56%
Army	55	42	76
Navy	23	24	104
Air Force	9	6	67
CIA-D/GG/RR	16	16	100
CIA-ER/RR	4	4	100
CIA-DD/P	7	1	14
CIA-OSI	11	8	73
CIA-OBI	7	7	100
Total:	203	148	73%

The quarterly analysis of the NIS production situation will shortly be issued to the contributing agencies and will be discussed at the next meeting. The vice chairman noted that production at mid-year was somewhat below last year's production for a similar period, and that unusual effort will be necessary to prevent a serious production peak at the year's end.

5. Release of Sections 43 to HEW

The Committee approved the release of Sections 43 (Religion, Education, and Public Information) on all NIS Areas to the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare as requested by letter of justification dated 18 December 1956.

6. NIS Maintenance

The chairman spoke to the Committee about NIS maintenance problems. He noted that, while the total NIS produced under the maintenance program to date has accounted for less than 10% of all NIS production, the current schedule contains about 30% maintenance production, and by FY 1960 maintenance will comprise nearly 50% of the total production effort. In consequence, he stressed the necessity of fully briefing the various production staffs on NIS maintenance policies and criteria. He observed that recent maintenance contributions too often fall short of NIS standards because analysts were prone to merely update statistical data instead of using maintenance as an opportunity to eliminate deficiencies in the initially published NIS and to re-evaluate the situation on the basis of more recent information and intelligence requirements. He observed that the less experienced analysts are apt to underestimate the difficulty of producing a maintenance section which, if well done, requires as much effort as an initial section. To give further support to these analysts, he said that OBI is strengthening its maintenance staff and urged the members to make full use of its guidance facilities.

7. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 22 January 1957

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